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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
Fr: Jill Gerber
Re: United Way of the National Capital Area response to Sen. Grassley
Da: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002

Sen. Chuck Grassley, ranking member of the Committee on Finance, made the following comment on the United Way of the National Capital Area's response to his inquiry about allegations surrounding its financial management.

"The response in some ways is contradictory. The organization simultaneously downplays serious allegations of wrongdoing while stating it's corrected problems that might have led to wrongdoing. The national United Way of America is scrutinizing whether to discipline this chapter for wrongdoing. Various federal agencies and federal prosecutors are investigating the United Way of the National Capital Area. The investigations might find nothing wrong, but until they're finished, I have to reserve judgment on whether this chapter did anything wrong and whether it's qualified to handle millions of dollars from the combined federal campaign every year."